Body of Grace Garment Found, Wife of Former Aide to Nixon

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—The body of Grace Albert Garment, the wife of Leonard Garment, was found in a Boston hotel room shortly after she disappeared from her home but lay unidentified for weeks, it was disclosed today.

A spokesman for the family said her husband, former counsel to President Nixon, was summoned to Boston at the request of police to make a positive identification.

Mrs. Garment disappeared Dec. 3 at Pennsylvania Station in midtown Manhattan shortly before she had a psychiatric appointment for treatment of depression.

A spokesman for Garment said she apparently took an Amtrak train to Boston and registered under an assumed name at a "small hotel across the street from the terminal."

"A this point it looks like she took her life almost immediately after entering the hotel room but she was not discovered until the next day," said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

Mrs. Garment, a writer for the daytime soap opera, "Edge of Night," was reported missing Dec. 4 by her husband, now a U.S. representative to the United Nations' Human Rights Commission.

Police had issued a 13-state alarm for Mrs. Garment with her description.

James Gorman, assistant manager of the Hotel Essex, said he found the woman's body. He said that she had registered under an assumed name.

"I've been asked by the family not to give out any information," Gorman said. "Out of respect, I just won't answer."

He added: "There was nothing bad. I'm not trying to hide anything."

The Hotel Essex is across the street from Boston's South Station, in a deteriorating commercial section of the city.